

WI-322

c. 1850-60

Andrew W. Anderson Farmhouse

Catchpenny vicinity

Private

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## MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Andrew W. Anderson Farmhouse

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-322

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):     Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation:       Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s):     Agricultural-Industrial Transition  
1815-1870
4. Resource Type(s):           Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-322

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Andrew W. Anderson Farmhouse

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 26232 Nanticoke Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Catchpenny ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William H. and Sharon Lee Murphy

street & number 26232 Nanticoke Road telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 36, P. 335  
liber 970

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 224

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

postitory for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Andrew W. Anderson house stands at 26232 Nanticoke Road a mile east of the intersection known as Catchpenny, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Estimated to date around 1850-60, the two-story, three-bay, frame house is supported on a modern brick foundation and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The medium pitched gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing that gives the entire house a tee shape. Joining the house on the lot is a small frame outbuilding.

The southeast (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The entrance is marked by a mid-nineteenth century eight-panel door framed by a plain corner block surround and topped by a six-light transom. The front door is sheltered by a small gable roofed stoop of modern construction. The second floor is lighted by three, evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice covered with vinyl.

The northeast and southwest gable ends are alike with thirteen-course common bond brick chimneys centered on each wall. The shoulders are corbeled. Six-over-six sash windows flank the chimney stacks on each floor. The attic is lighted by small two-over-two sash windows. The gable end is finished with a flush gable end, and the bargeboard molding is covered with vinyl.

The two-story, one-room plan kitchen extends to the rear and is enlarged by a partially enclosed shed roof addition on its northeast side. A partially glazed door opens into the kitchen, and a six-over-six sash window lights the second floor. A modern brick chimney rises against the gable end, which is a blind wall.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

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The house deserves listing in *Category B*, which identifies buildings that should be preserved due to their architectural and/or historical merit.



## **8.1 SIGNIFICANCE**

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## **FOOTNOTES**

- 1 Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 11/374, 6/10/1893, Wicomico County Courthouse.**
- 2 Wicomico County Will Book ELW 1/4, Written 6/13/1876, Proved 10/22/1879, Wicomico County Courthouse.**
- 3 Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 7/289, 4/6/1891, Wicomico County Courthouse.**
- 4 Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 277/609, 4/15/1946, Wicomico County Courthouse.**
- 5 Wicomico County Land Records, JCK 114/572, 1/1/1920, and IDT 203/352, 6/28/1937, Wicomico County Courthouse.**

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Andrew W. Anderson Farmhouse  
Catchpenny vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 36, Parcel 335

970/224                      Glen Thomas Robinson  
                                 Elaine Esther Robinson

to

2/22/1982                    William H. Murphy  
                                 Sharon Lee Murphy

AJS 965/400                James L. Nicholson  
                                 Jane P. Nicholson

to

9/28/1981                   Glen T. Robinson  
                                 Elaine Esther Robinson

44.53 acres and being partially shown on a plat entitled  
"Pollitt Farm" made by Roy E. Moore, 10/2/1933,  
JWTS 548/371

JWTS 548/368              Pratt Phillips & Son

to

8/29/1962                   James L. Nicholson  
                                 Jane P. Nicholson

"Pollitt Farm"



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Chain of title continued

JWTS 277/609

Pratt D. Phillips  
Dora Jones Phillips

to

4/15/1946

Pratt Phillips & Son, Inc.

1. Fred Pollitt Farm 137.53 acres

IDT 206/221

Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation

to

3/14/1938

Pratt D. Phillips

Copartners trading as Phillips Brothers

\$3,000.00

IDT 203/352

Seth P. Taylor, assignee

to

6/28/1937

Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation

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JCK 114/572

Ella A. Melson and husband Thomas A. Melson

to

1/1/1920

Frederick A. Pollitt

206 5/8 acres

JCK 121/153

James E. Ellegood, trustee

to

1/31/1920

Frederick A. Pollitt

JTT 38/122

Eusebius Collier  
Martha S. Collier

to

8/21/1903

Ella A. Melson

\$3,500 "Devil's Woodyard"

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JTT 11/374

Elihu E. Jackson  
Nannie R. Jackson

to

6/10/1893

Eusebius Collier, Washington, D. C.

"Devil's Woodyard" 208 acres

James E. Ellegood, Trustee

to

E. E. Jackson

FMS 7/289

Perry H. Anderson

to

4/6/1891

James E. Ellegood

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ELW 1/4

Last Will and Testament of Andrew W. Anderson

Writtten  
6/13/1876  
Proved  
10/22/1879

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Perry Harrison  
Anderson my Home Plantation whereon I now reside  
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eights acres of Land More or less, and my part of the  
crop on the Dickinson farm during the year of my  
decease if the crop be commenced at the time of my  
decease and all the rest and residue of my estate

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Catchpenny vicinity, Wicomico Co.  
Maryland

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas  
1877



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Andrew W. Anderson Farmhouse  
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle  
1983











